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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Hiroshi Akita

Application No.: 09/863503

Art Unit: 1745

Filed: May 23, 2001

Examiner: R. Alejandro

For: PROTECTIVE MEMBRANE-EQUIPPED  
COMPOSITE ELECTROLYTE, METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUEL CELL  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003 (Paper No. 10), finally rejecting claims 7-12 and 19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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